

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-23 were rejected. By the present Response, claims 1, 4, 11, 17 and 23 are amended. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-23 will remain pending in the present patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action, claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Calaman, U.S. Patent No. 5,353,291. Anticipation requires the disclosure in a single prior art reference of each element of the claim under consideration. Applicants respectfully assert that the present invention, as recited in amended independent claims 1, 11, 17 and 23 is patentable over the Calaman reference.

Independent claims 1, 11, 17 and 23 are amended to more clearly point out certain of the claimed subject matter. Specifically, each independent claim now recites, in generally similar language, *gathering data about a wearer or user of a portable/wearable security system and an environment around the wearer or user.*

The Calaman reference discloses an event sensor 110 for sensing a physiological event from the wearer (see, Calaman, column 4, lines 16-29). In addition, the Calaman reference states that the system 10 downloads and stores a combination of data pertinent to the user, such as medical, behavioral and physical data (see, Calaman, column 4, lines 45-50, and column 7, lines 19-24). *However, the reference does not teach or disclose a system capable of collecting data about the user as well as an environment around the user.* Applicants respectfully submit that the sensor 104 described in the present application is not limited to the event sensor 110 disclosed by Calaman. The sensors (104) described in the present application gather data about the item 116 and/or people 114 in the environment around the user of the security system 100. Additionally, the system 100 monitors the environment via external sensor network 118 that include

camera, audio sensor, chemical sensor, and satellite receiver (*see*, Application, paragraphs 14, 15, 17 and 20). Thus, the system 100 acquires data about the surrounding environment and the user, and monitors the data to determine occurrence of an event.

Further, Applicants respectfully submit that the system 100 described in the application selectively associates behaviors with the events and assesses each event based on the behavior and the event for a potential threat. These events and behavior are generally external to the user, for example, approaching truck while crossing street (paragraph 32), upcoming traffic light changing to red while driving car at high speed (paragraph 33), another person stalking the user (paragraph 34), hazardous environment during war (paragraph 35), another person spying the user (paragraph 37) and so forth. However, Calaman determines threat by collecting the physiological data of the user via the event sensor and then transforming the physiological data into body state information. The only external data collected by Calaman is geographic location of the user, official language of the current geographical location and so forth that are not monitored for any event, are not correlated to the behavior of the user, and do not lead to any change in behavior of the user.

At least because Calaman do not disclose or suggest a technique that involves collecting environmental data associated with potential threat to the user as claimed, the reference cannot anticipate claims 1, 11, 17 and 23.

Claim 4 has been amended to more clearly point out certain of the claimed subject matter. Claims 2-10, 12-16, and 18-22 depend directly or indirectly from claims 1, 11, and 17. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that claims 2-10, 12-16, and 18-22 are allowable by virtue of their dependency from an allowable base claim. Applicants also submit that the dependent claims are further allowable by virtue of the subject matter they separately recite. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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